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TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please find an Amendment, in response to an Office Action dated February 21, 2002 (the shortened statutory three-month period ending on May 21, 2002), transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 21, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend without prejudice claim 16 as follows:

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16. (Amended) A semiconductor laser comprising:
a semiconductor laser chip; and
at least one temperature sensor configured to be one of disposed directly on and integrated in the semiconductor laser chip for measuring an operating temperature.

REMARKS

Claims 16 to 33 are currently pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Regarding paragraphs one (1) and two (2) of the Office Action, claims 16 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, claim 16, and thus, by dependence, claims 17 to 33, was rejected for containing "or." Claim 16 has been rewritten above to correct this. A version showing changes made to claim 16 is attached